

Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 04-02-13

Issued at King Salmon, Alaska
February 22, 2013

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m.
February 22, 2013

Expiration Date: June 30, 2013
unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order opens a caribou registration permit hunt (RC 504) in the portion of Game Management Unit 9C north of the Alaska Peninsula Highway (the road between King Salmon and Naknek), west of the main stem of King Salmon Creek and Katmai National Park and south of the Alagnak River Drainage. Permits will be available at the King Salmon ADF&G office and will be valid for one caribou. Any resident hunter who has not killed a caribou during the current regulatory year and possesses a 2013 hunting license is eligible to participate in this hunt. This emergency order does not alter any other caribou hunting regulations in Game Management Unit 9.

REGULATION:

Therefore, the following regulations in **5 AAC 85.025(3), Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Caribou (a)**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective:

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
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Unit 9(C), that portion north of
the Naknek River and south of
the Alagnak River Drainage

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 caribou by Tier II permit

Aug. 10-Sept. 20

only; provided that the harvestable surplus, in combination with the Remainder of Unit 9(C) and Unit 9(E), is 1,200 caribou or less, up to 1,500 permits may be issued; or

(Subsistence hunt only)
Nov. 15-Feb. 28
(Subsistence hunt only)

if the department determines that Mulchatna Herd caribou have largely replaced Northern Peninsula Herd caribou, **1 caribou** may be taken by registration permit only during a winter season between Jan. 20 and Mar. 31 to be announced by emergency order

Feb. 25-Mar. 15

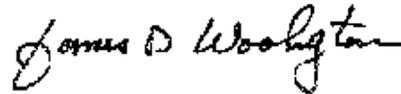
NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

No open season.

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All other caribou hunting regulations in Unit 9 remain unchanged and are not affected by this emergency order.

Cora Campbell
Commissioner



By delegation to:

James D. Woolington
Area Wildlife Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The Alaska Board of Game authorized a winter caribou hunting season in this portion of Game Management Unit 9C when the Mulchatna Herd caribou have largely replaced the Northern Alaska Peninsula Herd caribou in this hunt area. Currently there are caribou from the Mulchatna Caribou Herd (MCH) in the hunt area opened by this Emergency Order. Caribou from the Northern Alaska Peninsula Caribou Herd (NAPCH) are south of the Naknek River and will not be affected by this hunt. Recent movements of the NAPCH are consistent with historical patterns that should continue to take the herd south, away from

the hunt area. Given the current distribution of caribou in Game Management Unit 9, it is unlikely that caribou from the NAPCH will be harvested during this hunt.

This hunt is intended to provide additional opportunity for hunters to take a MCH caribou in Game Management Unit 9C without jeopardizing the NAPCH. The bag limit of one caribou further reduces the risk of harvesting NAPCH caribou if the herd movements change. If caribou from the NAPCH approach the Naknek River, an immediate closure will be announced.

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